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FM AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4247

INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY BISSAU

AMEMBASSY DAKAR

AMEMBASSY FREETOWN

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TAGS: PEPR, EFIS, GV, IV, FR

SUBJECT: GUINEAN RELEASE OF ABIDJAN-BASED TRAWLER

1. SEKOU TOURE MADE DEMONSTRATIVE GESTURE OF POST-MONROVIA-SUMMIT GOODWILL TOWARDS BOTH FRANCE AND IVORY COAST ON APRIL 15 BY RELEASING ABIDJAN-BASED FRENCH-SKIPPERED FISHING BOAT SEIZED A FEW DAYS BEFORE FOR ALLEGEDLY POACHING IN GUINEAN TERRITORIAL WATERS.

2. TOURE TOOK UNUSUAL STEP OF ASSEMBLING THE BOAT'S ENTIRE CREW AND PARDONING THEM BEFORE A MEETING OF SENIOR CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS, PORTRAYING GESTURE AS RESULT OF SPIRIT OF GOG'S HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION TO ABIDJAN SAME WEEK WHICH RESULTED IN BILATERAL TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION AND COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT. BOAT, OWNED BY

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"IVORIANIZED" ABIDJAN SUBSIDIARY OF FRENCH FIRM

"LUCAS", NAMED "JEANNE D'ARC" AND, EXCEPT FOR TWO FRENCH OFFICERS CREWED BY MIXED AFRICAN CREW, DEPARTED CONAKRY APRIL 16. NORMALLY BOAT WOULD HAVE FACED CONFISCATION OF CATCH AND EQUIPMENT PLUS \$50,000 FINE. CAPTAIN HAD BEEN JAILED IN GUINEA FOR SOME MONTHS IN EARLY 1970S FOR SIMILAR VIOLATION.

3. ACCORDING TO FRENCH AMBASSADOR LEWIN, TOURE TRIED TO GET HIM TO THE CC MEETING AS "WITNESS" TO GOG'S MAGNANIMITY, BUT HE WAS TRAVELING IN INTERIOR THAT DAY. LEWIN SAID THAT "LUCAS" REPRESENTATIVE ARRIVED AT CONAKRY ON APRIL 17 AND BEGAN NEGOTIATIONS TO LICENSE TWO BOATS LEGALLY FOR FISHING IN GUINEAN WATERS.

4. WE UNDERSTAND BOAT WAS SEIZED BY GUINEAN CRAFT OPERATING OUT OF KAMSAR, NEAR OR IN WATERS GUINEA DISPUTES WITH GUINEA-BISSAU. QUICK RESOLUTION OF INCIDENT PRESUMABLY AVOIDED POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS WITH BISSAU. CROSBY

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